

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 22, EXPRESSING THE SENSE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT AMERICAN SMALL BUSI-
NESSES ARE ENTITLED TO A SMALL BUSINESS BILL OF RIGHTS

APRIL 26, 2005.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mrs. CAPITO, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 235]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 235, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule provides that the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the resolution are considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, which may not contain instructions.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The Committee is not aware of any points of order against consideration of the resolution. The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the resolution is prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 3(b) of House rule XIII the results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 47

Date: April 26, 2005.

Measure: H. Res. 22, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights.

Motion by: Mr. McGovern.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Mr. McGovern, which states that discriminating practices have no place in determining the success or failure of a business. Adds the following clauses: "Whereas small businesses owned by women and minorities play a vital role in contributing to and driving the American marketplace; Whereas even after controlling for differences that might affect applications, such as credit history, minority-owned businesses are just as likely as white-owned firms to apply for new credit, but are roughly twice as likely to be denied credit as white business owners;".

Results: Defeated 4 to 9.

Vote by Members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Capito—Nay; Cole—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

